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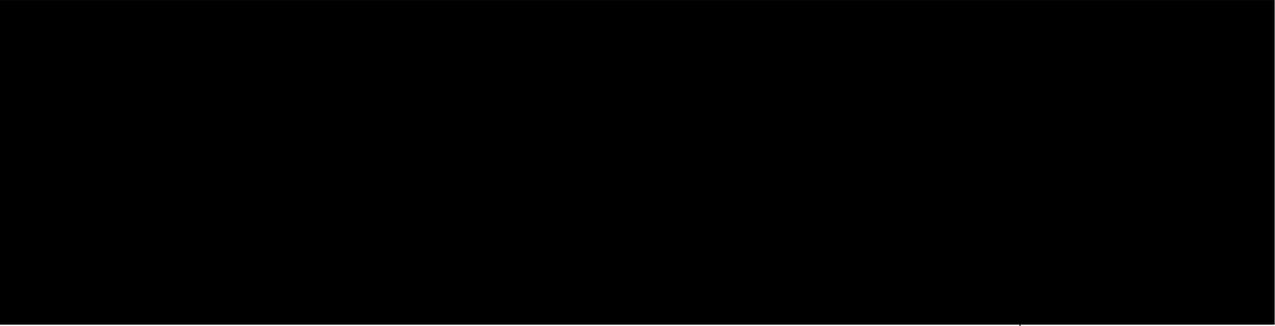
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1. In early November 1951 a school for the training of agents for the Special Activity Group (T'uksu Pongchak) of the North Korean Ministry of Social Security was established in Pyongyang. In late November there were about 350 students at the school, of which number 50 were women. Most of the agents in training were students of KIM IL-song University. Some of them are natives of South Korea, firm Communists who fled to North Korea early in the war. The school is in two caves in Masong-dong, Chung-ku, Pyongyang. The entrances to the caves are about 30 meters west of the General Federation of Trade Unions Building and about 600 meters northeast of the Pyongyang Railroad Station (25-44, 39-00) (YD 3720). The entrances of the caves are made of concrete and at some points covered with pitch. The caves, which are each about 70 meters long, 10 meters wide, and 8 meters high, are floored with concrete.

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2. The principal objective of the school is to train agents in political theory and in subversive political tactics to be used in the ROK during the campaign for the ROK presidency in the spring of 1952. Other tasks they are expected to accomplish are:

- a. Infiltrate the ROK and in cooperation with Communists there initiate anti-ROK movements.
- b. Instigate riots during peaceful public meetings and assemblies.
- c. Contact guerrillas in mountainous areas.
- d. Carry out sabotage activities such as the destruction of railroads and bridges to interfere with transportation facilities.

3. This Special Activity Group, also known as the Office of Special Dispatch (T'uksu P'akyon S6), is under the Second Bureau¹ of the Ministry of Social Security. The Second Bureau is headed by Senior Colonel CH'IA To-song (李道成).² The Office of Front Line Dispatch is another, and separate

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office, within the Second Bureau; it has a similar internal organization to that of the Office of Special Dispatch but different duties. The Office of Special Dispatch has five sections, each headed by a director, concerned with indoctrination, guidance and instruction, examination, personnel, and accounting. Detachments of the office are part of the Ministry of Social Security units in Changyon-gun (125-06, 38-14) (KC 8433), Songhua-gun (125-04, 38-25) (KC 8954), Sariwon, and Kaesong. The routes used by each of these detachments to the ROK is as follows:

- a. Changnyon-gun detachment: through Taegu-nyon (125-31, 38-07) (KC 8020), Yongnam-do (125-54, 37-46) (YB 5593), and the Yeop'yang Islands (125-40, 37-36) (YB 3564).
- b. Songhua-gun detachment: through Songhua-nyon and the Ch'o-do (125-50, 38-32) (KC 6066) area.
- c. Sariwon detachment: through Ulliyul-nyon (125-12, 38-31) (KC 9285), Uag-do (125-04, 38-36) (KC 8074), and Pok-to (125-42, 37-42) (YB 3876). The Office of Special Dispatch detachment in the Sariwon area was operating in late November from Sinch'ang-ni (125-43, 38-31) (YB 4466).
- d. Kaesong detachment: (1) through Kae'ung-gun (126-23, 37-55) (ES 7790) and Haejong (presumably Hae'ang-ni, on the shore opposite Kanghwa-do at 126-28, 37-50, ES 7790), to Kanghwa-do (126-26, 37-45) (ES 7441); (2) through Chagdan (126-43, 37-56) (GT 0200) and Husan (126-47, 37-51) (CS 0591).

3. The subordinate units of the Second Bureau are separate from those of the First Bureau,⁴ headed by Senior Colonel YI Hui-sop (이희섭), which has security detachments in each county as well as individual railroad and coastal security units.

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1. [redacted] Comment. In mid-1951 the Second Bureau of the KNS was in charge of domestic security and counter-intelligence activities, according to [redacted]

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2. [redacted] Comment. CHA To-sung, who was chief of the Second Office in November 1951, received special training in the Soviet Union, according to [redacted]

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3. [redacted] Comment. Presumably the route used to dispatch agents or couriers.

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4. [redacted] Comment. The First Office (Bureau) of the KNS evaluates all intelligence and prepares intelligence directives and was headed by CHANG Yong-t'aek in early November, [redacted]

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